

Forum on Transportation Investment
Breakout Sessions
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What further information do you need to effectively contribute to this forum?

Group 1:

- Need a presentation on multi-modal transportation
 - Changing demographics and highway uses;
 - Need information on Rail Road Preservation Act/legislation, etc.;
 - What is the vision/goal of Aeronautics;
 - Port transportation planning;
- Cost responsibility – assigning cost to the various components of the transportation system;
- Does the State have an economic vision and how does transportation fit into this;
- Why is it so different between VMT and Fuel Tax revenues
 - Need clarification on this – how many less gallons are we consuming now and how does this impact revenue;
- What role will the railroad play in overall transportation needs;
- Need comparable data from state to state – is a fact card/sheet in existence;
- Need a collection point so that we can send in information to share with the Forum;
- Citizens will want performance measures – “what is in it for me;”

Group 2:

- Definition of transportation needs to be expanded to include other modes –air, rail, port, pedestrian/bikes, etc.;
- Need demographics/projections statewide;
- Needs versus wants will be tough, perhaps needs criteria or a ‘Weatherby’ questionnaire;
- Want to review case studies of attempts – positive and negative;
- Need listing of projected statewide needs and accompanying costs;
- Need current and future funding levels;
- Could truck weights be increased on interstates;
- Socio-economic trends and Idaho’s projections;
- Resources on the website – ITD legislative presentations, tax structures, etc.

Group 3:

- Need an organizational chart on state transportation administration;
- History of revenue collected and the growth in the system;
- Information about public transportation – services, growth, etc.;
- Identification of alternate routes that could be developed;
- Percentage of local traffic that uses the interstate system;
- Figures on current system status – construction backlog & costs, maintenance backlog & costs, cost allocation study, metropolitan planning, etc.;
- Percentage of freight traffic and growth;
- Percentage of all traffic growth;
- SMART growth presentation;
- Presentation on the legal authority for preserving right of way.

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Group 4:

- Define/quantify the work “need” – current & future needs;
- How does transportation systems play into commerce/business – Department of Commerce perspective;
- Air/rail/port transportation needs, etc.;
- Utah’s shared solutions approach – how all modes come together for the solution – rail, air, public transit, highways, water transit, etc.;
- CanaMex – Corridors to Borders –I-15, US-95 – how does that affect and how to address transportation issues;
- Define wants/needs/costs;
- Will want an update on the legislative session.

Other items identified, but not discussed – listed for further discussion.

- Need to define our environmental policy – What do we want to support/encourage and how will our strategies impact this;
- Current funding system **does not** support other transportation options;
- Need to maintain credibility and accountability;
- Need to “sell” the sales tax dedication idea;
- Health care costs;
- High resistance to change from local control;
- Need to portray true transportation cost for private business (Sun Valley, Micron, INEEL);
- Need to match focus/capacity/public demand for public transportation;
- Educate on environmental impacts;
- Educate on true operating costs;
- Use of Portland model on public transit – keep traffic tight to drive demand;
- Need local option funding;
- Need dedicated funding sources;
- Look at private options for public transit – tax-free status, commuter ride, etc.